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Applicant: Lang et al.

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Invention: Minimally Invasive Joint Implant with 3-Dimensional Geometry Matching the

Articular Surfaces

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 3733

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response and requests that the following amendments and remarks, in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, be considered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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